

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Withdrawn claims 7-19 are canceled by the present response without prejudice.

The outstanding Office Action indicated that the present application was in condition for allowance except for the presence of non-elected claims 7-19. By the present response those claims are canceled without prejudice.

Thus, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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